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PLAYER'S GUIDE

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A WORLD DIVIDED

In the *Mirrodin Besieged*[™] set, the Phyrexian assault on the metallic plane of Mirrodin intensifies. The Mirran resistance rallies to survive and overcome. Both sides bring the full might of their arsenals to bear. Not only does this set have more of what made the *Scars of Mirrodin*[™] set great—incredible artifacts, poison, Equipment, Myr—but it also has some innovative and deadly new tricks. And again, nearly every card in the set has a symbol of its allegiance in its text box.

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MIRRAN

The Mirrans have determined that the best defense is a good offense. They respond to the Phyrexian incursion with an aggression that's well suited to fast, creature-based decks. *Battle cry* is a new ability found on some inspiring Mirran creatures. Whenever a creature with battle cry attacks, other attacking creatures get +1/+0 until end of turn. Each instance of





t +1/+0 until end of turn. Each instance of battle cry triggers separately, so more is definitely better.

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The Mirrans also continue to wield the metal that has defined their world. *Metalcraft* abilities make the cards that have them more powerful if you control three or more artifacts. And some of the coolest artifacts in the set have *imprint* abilities that allow you to exile cards, imprinting them onto the artifact for impressive bonuses.

PHYREXIAN

Poison and decay continue as major themes for the Phyrexians. Start the contagion with creatures with *infect*, an ability that allows creatures to deal damage in the form of -1/-1 counters to other creatures or poison counters to players. Once the infection has taken hold, spread it around by using *proliferate*, a keyword action that looks at players and permanents that already have a counter and adds another of that kind . . . perfect for -1/-1 and poison counters!

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The Phyrexians have also engineered a perfect, seamless blending of flesh and metal in *living weapon*, a new ability found on some *Mirrodin Besieged* Equipment. When an Equipment with living weapon enters the battlefield, you also put a 0/0 black Germ creature token onto the battlefield. Then, you attach the Equipment to the Germ token. Each Equipment with living weapon provides a boost to toughness, so the fledgling Germ can survive to wreak havoc, as well as other bonuses. As with other Equipment, you can pay the equip cost to attach them to other creatures, but this will likely send the 0/0 Germ to the graveyard.

As the fate of one world hangs in the balance, **Magic**[™] players in our world get to enjoy all the wicked weapons this war has to offer. Which side has earned your allegiance?

THE FIVE COOLEST MIRRAN CARDS

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Treasure Mage

When Treasure Mage enters the battlefield, you may search your library for an artifact card with converted mana cost 6 or greater, reveal that catd, and put it into your hand. If you do, shuffle your library.



1. Mirran Crusader

The invading Phyrexian menace is centered on black and green magic, and Mirrodin has found its champion. Mirran Crusader's double strike ability makes it the perfect creature to load up with power-boosting Equipment, and its protection abilities make sure most Phyrexian enemies don't stand a chance.

2. Go for the Throat

A time of war is no time to mess around, and the practical Mirran vampires have come forward to help deal with the Phyrexians. Go for the Throat destroys first and asks questions later, and only artifact creatures are safe from its sharpened fangs.

3. Treasure Mage

In more peaceful times, Neurok wizards busied themselves tinkering with trinkets. Now that they are fighting to defend their world, they must focus on larger, more formidable machines to do their part in the fight. Will your Treasure Mage find you a dragon or perhaps something even better?

4. Thrun, the Last Troll

Mirrodin's trolls were once seen as wise protectors, but their numbers were diminished in Glissa's fight against Memnarch, then reduced to one in the Vanishing, Thrun distances himself from opposing magic and can endure many hardships on the battlefield.



Destroy target nonartifact creature. Having flesh it increasingly a liability on Mirrodin.



5. Signal Pest

When the battle cries rang out, all of Mirrodin's inhabitants, regardless of size, united to come to its defense. Signal Pest may not look like much on its own, but when it can support an army of fellow creatures, it truly shines.

THE FIVE COOLEST PHYREXIAN CARDS

1. Blightsteel Colossus

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Darksteel Colossus was one of Mirrodin's most terrifying weapons. Rather than futilely try to destroy it, the Phyrexians have instead made it their own. Because it has infect, one hit from this monstrosity leaves a previously unscathed opponent crushed flat in an ichor-stained footprint.

2. Black Sun's Zenith

Phyrexia has no qualms about unleashing destruction on anything it can't claim as its own. Turn its uncompromising power against your opponents with Black Sun's Zenith, which can eradicate entire armies. Later, if creatures rise up against you again, you can draw it again to repeat the devastation.

3. Praetor's Counsel

The Phyrexians may leave mortal flesh corrupted and unrecognizable, but if you take their side anyway, they do offer enormous power. The powerful praetors advise you that thinking of cards in your graveyard as gone may be shortsighted.

4. Glissa, the Traitor

Glissa once searched her home world tirelessly to learn Mirrodin's secrets. Now corrupted, she turns her knowledge against Mirrodin, delighting in aiding the Phyrexians. Enlist her to help you, and she'll use the remains of your opponent's dead creatures to return your broken artifacts to working order.

5. Corrupted Conscience

Several *Mirrodin Besieged* cards represent creatures native to Mirrodin that have been corrupted by the Phyrexian's corrosive magic. Corrupted Conscience gives you the chance to deliver the same fate to any creature your opponent brings to the battlefield, and twist it to your will as well!







Blightsteel Coloss





Enchant creature You control enchanted creature. Enchanted creature has infect. (It deals damage to creatures in the form of -1)-1 counters and to players in the form of point contrarts.) Karn's creation is now his master.

WAR ON MIRRODIN: The Phyrexian Onslaught

Phyrexia has unleashed its full might on the surface of Mirrodin. A brutal war rages between the unprepared Mirrans and the relentless Phyrexians. The Phyrexian hordes sweep across the landscape while the metal of the world succumbs to the creeping corruption. As more and more Mirrans are killed or "converted," the survivors scramble to organize a resistance before they're consumed by the horrors of Phyrexia.

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Karn, the silver golem who created the plane, unwittingly introduced a sinister contagion to Mirrodin: Phyrexian oil. At first, the corruption appeared at the edges of the world, far from the notice of most Mirrans. Over time, the oil transformed and multiplied, altering Mirrodin and its inhabitants. Now the Mirrans are seeing the full extent of the threat. Carried through the oil, the "phyresis" plague has become an epidemic.

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Phyrexia is pitiless in the execution of its mission. The Phyrexians believe that flesh is weak and all other species must be eliminated or subsumed. They slaughter the unworthy and use their corpses to construct subservient flesh-andmetal abominations. The Phyrexians seek to convert all Mirrans to what they see as the only truth.

Illus. Chris Rahn

GLISSA RETURNS

The so-called partisans are delivering themselves to me on a platter. The True Way would be lost on their rodent-minds. Eradicate the Vulshok. Melt down their metal and add their skin to the vats. Remove the elves' useless minds and put them to work. Except, I want Ezuri. He is a true predator and will be made to accept the teachings of the strong. —Glissa, the Traitor

STANDIN AND

Glissa Sunseeker was known as the finest hunter in the Tangle when she became the target of Memnarch's machinations to gain a Planeswalker spark. Glissa thwarted his plans, but then she disappeared without a trace as the original *Mirrodin*[®] block ended. Her kin never knew that she had saved them; many believed she had betrayed them.

Now the elves' worst fears will come true. Taken by Phyrexia, Glissa was held in stasis until it was time to take over Mirrodin. Now transformed, Glissa has returned to the Tangle to carry out the will of her dark masters.

WAR ON MIRRODIN: The Mirran Resistance

The Tangle was one of the first areas to be invaded by the full force of the Phyrexians. Much of the Sylvok population was killed or "repurposed" during the initial attack. The elves fared better and many escaped into treetop safe houses. Under their leader, Ezuri, the elves banded together into armed units. Calling themselves partisans, they organized attacks against the Phyrexians and began to search Mirrodin for survivors to join their cause. Soon leaders from other regions emerged and the resistance was born.

Illus. Efrem Palacios

Faced with unimaginable evil, Mirrans quickly forgot their former conflicts. The partisans shared resources and strategies, and they began to win small battles. Hope was restored. Once enemies with the elves, the vedalken prove to be valuable allies, adding their knowledge and expertise to the fight against the socalled rotters. The Neurok spy network provides crucial information. The Oxidda chain also becomes a hot spot of the resistance. Some partisans find an unlikely haven in the very underground tunnels where Phyrexia developed in the years since the dawn of the fifth sun.

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But no one was expecting Bladehold to fall. The Accorder Paladins had been located there, some of the finest warriors in all of Mirrodin. Their murders were a serious blow to the partisans' morale. Ezuri knew he couldn't wait any longer, even though he hadn't heard from Koth since the Vulshok had gone on his secret mission. It was time to strike back.

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Ezuri knew a coordinated offensive was a risky choice. They would have to devote most of their dwindling resources in the strike, but Phyrexian forces were multiplying at an alarming rate. Who knew how many were festering underground? They must staunch the flow, now.

Ezuri sent out his couriers. The offensive was set for the day of the Green Sun's Zenith. In their dark hiding places, the partisans whispered to each other: This might be their last chance to destroy the Phyrexians, once and for all.

PHYREXIAN FACTIONS

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The plane of Phyrexia was all but destroyed when Urza's Planeswalker allies devastated it during the Phyrexian Invasion of Dominaria. But that was not the end of Phyrexia entirely. Yawgmoth and his minions ensured that Phyrexia would endure by creating an insidious colonizing weapon known as "the oil." When Karn unknowingly introduced the oil to Mirrodin, Phyrexia was reborn.

Access to Mirrodin's interior core of pure mana enabled Phyrexia to accelerate its unnatural evolution in a matter of decades. But Phyrexia is changed by the world of Mirrodin. In its original system, Phyrexia had access only to black mana. Here on Mirrodin, Phyrexia has evolved along each axis of mana color, creating factions in the formerly monolithic threat. This has made Phyrexia both stronger and weaker than before—stronger because it's more varied and adaptable, weaker because it now lacks the unity of purpose it once had. Led by Elesh Norn, the white-aligned faction believes that Phyrexia must adhere to the teachings of the Father of Machines. They intend to indoctrinate everyone about the truth, even if it means tearing them from limb to limb and reattaching the parts into a creation that is worthy of Phyrexia. They are dogmatic, hierarchal, and orthodox in their methods.

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Led by Jin-Gitaxias, Augur of the Core, the blue-aligned faction uses experimentation to find the ways to perfection. They are clinical, methodical, and research-oriented, with no sense of compassion for the creatures they mutilate in the name of the True Science. They collect scores of research subjects and perform gruesome tests, all in the name of progress.

> Led by the mysterious Sheoldred, Whispering One, the black-aligned faction has one goal: enslave. Believers will serve. Unbelievers will be made to serve. All will bow to Phyrexia. Geth, the undead lord of the Vault of Whispers, had embraced Phyrexia long before the rest of Mirrodin knew of the threat. Now, he controls a vast army of undead in service of their goals.

Under Urabrask the Hidden, the red-aligned faction rejects the hierarchy and order of the main Phyrexian leadership. They cultivate industry and birth-furnaces, which will reforge the world in their perfect vision.



The green-aligned faction aims to create a natural state in which predation will thrive unhindered. Vorinclex, Voice of Hunger, seeks to eliminate sentience in favor of power. Consumption and strength are all that matter in the Tangle now. To accomplish his goals, Vorinclex has a powerful and ruthless ally: Glissa Sunseeker has become Glissa, the Traitor.

Tezzeret, Agent of Bolas

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Tezzeret is an artificer from Esper, formerly a shard of Alara. Like all inhabitants of Esper, part of his body was "enhanced" by the magical alloy etherium, which was believed to create perfection of both body and mind. Although he was born a talented mage, Tezzeret has always been ambitious and jealous of other's talents. A man with an explosive temper and an exaggerated sense of his own abilities, Tezzeret is preoccupied with his own advancement. He will do whatever is necessary to manipulate the situation to his own advantage.

As a young man, Tezzeret became an initiate of a sect called the Seekers of Carmot. Discontent with his treatment by the mages of the sect, Tezzeret trespassed on their inner sanctum to learn the secrets of the Codex Etherium, a sacred tome the sect claimed to have in its possession. Once inside, he discovered that the tome was a fake, but he was caught by the Seeker guards and gravely injured. At that moment, Tezzeret's Planeswalker spark was awakened and he hurled wildly through the Blind Eternities. Injured and confused, Tezzeret found himself on Grixis. Set upon by undead hordes, he managed to survive the onslaught. Nicol Bolas, the oldest and most powerful Planeswalker in the Multiverse, plucked him from the hellish world in return for his servitude. Tezzeret agreed, and became the head of an interplanar organization based out of Ravnica. Secretly working to undermine Bolas, Tezzeret recruited Jace Beleren to his side. Eventually, Tezzeret was defeated by Jace, but Bolas retrieved his mangled body and rebuilt it.

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Once again firmly under Bolas' thumb, Tezzeret is sent to the plane of Mirrodin. He is instructed to observe the growth of Phyrexia and report its progress to his master. Tezzeret obeyed Bolas's command and established himself within the Phyrexian hierarchy. As always, he watches for an opportunity to gain power and turn the situation to his advantage.

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COMBO CORNER

MASTER'S CALL, SHAPE ANEW & BLIGHTSTEEL COLOSSUS

THE STANDARD

A player with ten poison counters loses the game. A single strike from Blightsteel Colossus gives an unprepared opponent eleven poison counters. Combo! But why stop there? Getting Blightsteel Colossus onto the battlefield without paying twelve mana is even more fun. Try building a deck with Blightsteel Colossus as your only artifact, summon a couple of Myr with Master's Call, and then use Shape Anew from the *Scars of Mirrodin* set to upgrade one of those Myr into a lethal attacker.

PISTON SLEDGE & ICHOR WELLSPRING

Piston Sledge is a powerful Equipment that comes out swinging, but sacrificing an artifact to get it back into action can be a steep price to pay. The answer? Ichor Wellspring. You'll actually look forward to paying that cost!

FANGREN MARAUDER & CREEPING CORROSION

So casting artifacts isn't exactly your thing? How about punishing your opponents for relying on artifacts? First cast Fangren Marauder. Then cast Creeping Corrosion. Watch your opponent cry as all those artifacts hit the graveyard—and you gain an insane amount of life!

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CARD ENCYCLOPEDIA

The *Mirrodin Besieged* Card Encyclopedia shows the entire *Mirrodin Besieged* set. To keep track of your cards, just turn to the checklist on pages 34–35.



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CARD CHECKLIST

MIRRODIN BesiegeD

This checklist lets you keep track of your cards. A card's collector number will help you find it in the Card Encyclopedia on pages 16–33.

O Accorder Paladin	1 U	O Galvanoth	62 R
O Ardent Recruit	2 C	O Glissa, the Traitor	96 M
O Banishment Decree	3 C	O Glissa's Courier	80 C
O Black Sun's Zenith	39 R	O Gnathosaur	63 C
O Bladed Sentinel	98 C	O Go for the Throat	43 U
O Blightsteel Colossus	99 M	O Goblin Wardriver	64 U
O Blightwidow	77 C	O Gore Vassal	7 U
O Blisterstick Shaman	58 C	O Green Sun's Zenith	81 R
O Blue Sun's Zenith	20 R	O Gruesome Encore	44 U
O Bonehoard	100 R	O Gust-Skimmer	108 C
O Brass Squire	101 U	O Hellkite Igniter	65 R
O Burn the Impure	59 C	O Hero of Bladehold	8 M
O Caustic Hound	40 C	O Hero of Oxid Ridge	66 M
O Choking Fumes	4 U	O Hexplate Golem	109 C
O Concussive Bolt	60 C	O Horrifying Revelation	45 C
O Consecrated Sphinx	21 M	O Ichor Wellspring	110 C
O Contested War Zone	144 R	O Inkmoth Nexus	145 R
O Copper Carapace	102 C	O Into the Core	67 U
O Core Prowler	103 U	O Island	148 L
O Corrupted Conscience	22 U	O Island	149 L
O Creeping Corrosion	78 R	O 🗖 Kemba's Legion	9 U
O Crush	61 C	O G Knowledge Pool	111 R
O Cryptoplasm	23 R	O Koth's Courier	68 C
O Darksteel Plate	104 R	O Kuldotha Flamefiend	70 U
O Decimator Web	105 R	O Kuldotha Ringleader	69 C
O Distant Memories	24 R	O Lead the Stampede	82 U
O Divine Offering	5 C	O Leonin Relic-Warder	10 U
O Dross Ripper	106 C	O Leonin Skyhunter	11 C
O 🗖 Fangren Marauder	79 C	O Loxodon Partisan	12 C
O 🗖 Flayer Husk	107 C	O Lumengrid Gargoyle	112 U
O I Flensermite	41 C	O Magnetic Mine	113 R
O Flesh-Eater Imp	42 U	O 🗅 Massacre Wurm	46 M
O Forest	154 L	O Master's Call	13 C
O Forest	155 L	O Melira's Keepers	83 U
O Frantic Salvage	6 C	O Metallic Mastery	71 U
O Fuel for the Cause	25 C	O D Mirran Crusader	14 R

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O Quicksilver Geyser

O Quilled Slagwurm

O Rally the Forces

O Razorfield Rhino

O Red Sun's Zenith

O Rusted Slasher

O Rot Wolf

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00	Thrun, the Last Troll	92	Μ
00	Tine Shrike	17	С
00	Titan Forge	141	R
00	Training Drone		С
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00	Turn the Tide	35	
00		93	
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	Vedalken Infuser	37	U
00		18	R
00		143	
	Viridian Corrupter	94	
	Viridian Emissary	95	
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00		38	С
00	White Sun's Zenith	19	R

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